

INSTITUTION: Northern State University

INSTRUCTOR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AND EMAIL ADDRESS:

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SEMESTER/YEAR: Spring 2008

COURSE PREFIX, NUMBER, TITLE: EDFN 492/592 Topics: Forming Connections with Students (1 credit)

PREREQUISITES: Must be a certified teacher or paraprofessional

CREDIT HOURS: One (1) credit

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Participants will read, study, share, implement, and reflect on the topic of connecting with students. Participants will gain knowledge on how forming connections helps improve students' behaviors and academic performance. After reading current literature and investigating current research, participants will share information and perceptions, identify areas of self improvement, and implement strategies in their own classrooms. In addition, teachers will serve as mentors, providing support and feedback on individual goals.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objectives for this course include:

- Identifying those research-based strategies shown to be effective in connecting with students;
- Identifying and implementing those research-based strategies;
- Assessing and reflecting on the effectiveness of implementation.

TEXTBOOK: Connecting with Students by Allen N. Mendler, (2001).
Teaching At-Risk Children and Youth by Monica Nawrocki, (2006).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Participants will attend all class meetings, participate in discussions on research-based strategies, implement and assess the effectiveness of these strategies in their own classrooms. In addition, participants will complete all course assignments.

TENATIVE COURSE OUTLINE:

Ten course meetings will be held throughout the semester; dates and times follow:

Thursday, January 17 @ 3:15 – 4:45 PM
Thursday, January 31 @ 3:15 – 4:45 PM
Thursday, February 7 @ 3:15 – 4:45 PM
Thursday, February 21 @ 3:15 – 4:45 PM
Thursday, March 6 @ 3:15 – 4:45 PM
Thursday, March 20 @ 3:15 – 4:45 PM

Thursday, April 3 @ 3:15 – 4:45 PM

Thursday, April 17 @ 3:15 – 4:45 PM

Thursday, May 1 @ 3:15 – 4:45 PM

Thursday, May 8 @ 3:15 – 4:45 PM

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) STATEMENT: Northern State University recognizes its responsibility for creating an institutional climate in which students with disabilities can thrive. If you have any type of disability for which you require accommodations, please contact Karen Gerety at the NSU Office of Disability Services (626-2371, Student Center 217) as soon as possible to discuss your particular needs.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM STATEMENT

Under Board of Regents and University policy student academic performance may be evaluated solely on an academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards. Students should be free to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion, but they are responsible for learning the content of any course of study for which they are enrolled. Students who believe that an academic evaluation reflects prejudiced or capricious consideration of student opinions or conduct unrelated to academic standards should contact the academic dean administratively in charge of the class to initiate a review of the evaluation.

ASSESSMENT: Grades will be awarded on a Satisfactory (S) / Unsatisfactory (U) basis. Participants must attend all instructional sessions prior to meeting one-on-one with the instructional coach